

the case. The very concept of a visiting nurse can be traced to the pioneering work of Florence Nightingale. She reformed British military hospitals in the Crimean War through an expose in the British press, she professionalized nursing and made it an acceptable profession for educated women, devoted the rest of her life to building on her experiences, setting standards and writing books, until the mission of nursing had gained the respect of the world.

When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow read of the work of Florence Nightingale, he penned a poem, Santa Filomena, that spoke of the deep appreciation owed by all of us to those dedicated to service in the ultimate caring profession. He wrote:

Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,  
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,  
Our hearts, in glad surprise,  
To higher levels rise.  
The tidal wave of deeper souls  
Into our inmost being rolls,  
And lifts us unawares  
Out of all meaner cares.

The Visiting Nurse Associations of today are founded on the principle that the sick, the disabled, and the elderly benefit most from healthcare when it is offered in their own homes. They are non-profit home health agencies that provide cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of their condition or ability to pay for services. Through these exceptional organizations, 90,000 clinicians dedicate their lives to bringing healthcare into the homes of over 4 million Americans every year. In the face of rising costs and drastic changes in our health care system, visiting nurse associations have continued to deliver high quality health services for over 120 years.

It is time for Congress to recognize the vital services that visiting nurses provide their patients. Moreover, visiting nurses also are an indispensable lifeline for families. The comfort and quality care that visiting nurses provide can help family members cope with the difficulties of a loved one's illness.

I am proud to be introducing this important legislation with my colleague Representative PETERSON and urge my colleagues to join us in supporting National Visiting Nurse Associations Week.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri: Mr. Speaker, due to a problem with my voting card my vote on rollcall No. 403 was not recorded. Had my vote card operated properly I would be recorded as a "yea" on the Waters motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 3295, The Help America Vote Act of 2001.

#### TRIBUTE TO LANCE ARMSTRONG

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution honoring and congratulating Lance Armstrong on his fourth successive victory of the Tour de France. One of the world's most grueling athletic events, this year's Tour de France bicycling race covered 2,036 miles in 20 days. Winning this challenging race is an amazing feat in itself but Lance Armstrong's triumph is even more remarkable considering his comeback from cancer. Through his efforts with the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Mr. Armstrong has been an effective advocate for cancer survivorship and research.

What I find particularly interesting is the connection between health and bicycling. The active lifestyle inherent in bicycling and the environmental benefits of bicycling as an emission-free, non-polluting transportation alternative is a cornerstone of my work on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and as Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Bike Caucus.

The resolution being introduced today is a deserving tribute to Lance Armstrong and his Tour de France victory, commitment to cancer awareness and survivorship, and promotion of bicycling.

#### TRIBUTE TO DOLORES HUERTA

### HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to an outstanding member of the Hispanic community. Dolores Huerta has dedicated her life to fighting for equality and fairness for our Nation's farm workers. She has fought equally hard to protect first amendment rights and other issues of justice.

Ms. Huerta began her career as an educator. Her students were the children of farm workers and they routinely went without adequate food and clothing. In response, she founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization to educate and provide assistance to these laborers. This initial effort grew into the founding of the National Farm Worker Association, a precursor to United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. Ms. Huerta, along with this organization, has advocated against the use of harmful pesticides such as DDT and Parath; on and has led a national campaign for environmental justice. Ms. Huerta was inducted to the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. She has received the American Civil Liberties Union Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, as well as many other prestigious recognitions of her dedication.

I am proudly cosponsor H. Con. Res. 177, a bipartisan resolution to honor Dolores Huerta for her tireless efforts on behalf of our nation. Her work particularly interests the 15th Congressional District of Texas, as 60 percent of the national migrant population resides in this area of south Texas.

October 15, 2002 marks the end of Hispanic Heritage Month. I urge my colleagues to bring H. Con. Res. 177 to the floor before the end of this month in order to appropriately acknowledge the contributions of Dolores Huerta, a truly historic Latina.

#### IN SUPPORT OF H. CON. RES. 177— HONORING DOLORES HUERTA

### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I would like to commend my colleague, Representative HILDA SOLIS of California, for introducing H. Con. Res. 177, honoring civil rights leader Dolores Huerta. And I share my colleague's frustration with the undue delay in bringing this resolution before the House.

With National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated between September 15 and October 15, there isn't a better time to bring this resolution to the floor. This year's celebration would be incomplete if we do not recognize a historic Latina who has led the fight for equality and justice in the United States—Dolores Huerta.

Dolores Huerta's contributions are no less than those that our nation has proudly recognized over the years. Nearly 100 other Members of Congress acknowledge the need to give Dolores Huerta the recognition she deserves and have co-sponsored H. Con. Res. 177.

The contributions of Dolores Huerta are well known and have already been recognized by numerous organizations. Dolores Huerta was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 for her relentless dedication to farm worker issues. She has also received the American Civil Liberties Union Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award and the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award. And in March, she was named one of six Women Sustaining the American Spirit honorees by the National Women's History Project.

Dolores Huerta has fought for the rights of underserved laborers for more than 40 years. She has advocated against the use of harmful pesticides such as DDT and Parathyon, led a national campaign for environmental justice, and protected our First Amendment rights through peaceful protests and demonstrations.

Dolores Huerta began as a teacher, but left the teaching profession because she couldn't stand to see her students—children of farmworkers—arrive at school hungry and without shoes. She founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization in 1955 to educate and assist farmworkers. In 1962, she joined with Cesar Chavez to found the National Farm Workers Association, a precursor to the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. The organization has repeatedly fought for the rights of farmworkers, advocated against the use of harmful pesticides and led a national campaign for environmental justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of the leadership to bring H. Con. Res. 177 to the floor, so we may give Dolores Huerta the recognition she so richly deserves during Hispanic Heritage Month.